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Representative Thomas Stevens
Chair, House General and Housing Committee

Care of: rwild@leg.state.vt.us
Re: H.184

Dear Rep. Stevens:

Please add my name to the chorus of landlords in favor of H.184. I won't bore you with repeating what you already know, but it bears mentioning that quite often one sees State agencies penning rules that make solutions worse than the problems the rules address.

No landlord wants to see kids eating lead paint chips or breathing lead paint dust, so clearly we must remain vigilant about lead paint mitigation. Yet, the VDH rules, as written, simply make it impossible to patch a hole in sheetrock without hiring a painting contractor. This simple fix proposed by H.184 is pure common sense, and I ask the Committee to give it a thoughtful review, amend it if it can be improved, and moved to the Floor for full consideration.

Thank you for your service to Vermont.

Sincerely yours,

Bill Koch